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November 1, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE THE SELECTION OF OLGA GARAY- ENGLISH TO SERVE AS INTERIM
DIRECTOR OF THE FORD THEATRES AS A CONSULTANT
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors is requesting approval to select Olga Garay-English to serve as the Interim Director of the Ford Theatres as a consultant.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve the selection of Olga Garay-English to serve as Interim Director of the Ford Theatres as a consultant.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer to negotiate the rate and terms, and execute a consulting contract with Ms. Garay-English, to be approved as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

On October 4, 2016, your Board requested the Executive Officer of the Board and County Counsel to take action on several items related to the governance and operations of the Ford Theatres. The Board instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to immediately recruit for an Interim Executive Director of the Ford Theatres, and upon completion of the search return to the Board for final approval.

ADOPTED

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The Executive Office of the Board conducted a nationwide search in which two outstanding candidates submitted letters of interest. This Board letter is recommending the selection of Olga Garay-English to be the Interim Executive Director of the Ford Theatres as a consultant. Ms. Garay-English is currently an Independent Arts Consultant and served as the Executive Director of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) from 2007-2014. Reporting directly to the Mayor of Los Angeles and managing a \$40 million budget in FY12/13, the Executive Director is DCA's chief artistic and administrative officer. Since her appointment with the City, DCA was awarded \$23 million in funding support from private and public entities.

Prior to joining the City, Ms. Garay-English was an independent producer and performing arts consultant who worked with organizations such as the Lincoln Center Festival, the National Performance Network, and El Museo del Barrio. As Founding Program Director for the Arts for the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (1998 - 2005), Ms. Garay-English was responsible for the planning, design, management, and evaluation of the Arts Program, one of the largest national arts funders in the United States. A total of \$145 million was awarded to arts organizations during her seven-year tenure.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal One, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability to maximize the effectiveness of processes, structure, operations, and strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This will not require additional Net County Cost (NCC). The cost will be absorbed by the Third Supervisorial District's discretionary fund.

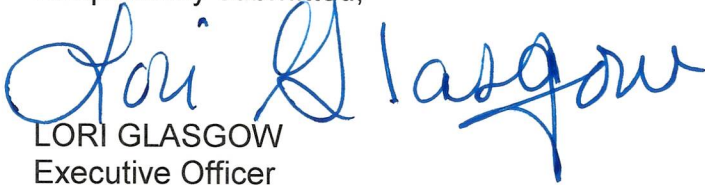
FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Ford Theatres have grown into an important venue for local artists seeking to broaden their audience base, and for County residents, as well, by exposing them to a diverse range of experiences and voices, at a reasonable cost. Among other things, the Ford Theatres host regular events throughout its annual summer season, sponsor free concerts in various areas of the County, and offer family-friendly and interactive engagement with artists through its Jam Sessions and Big! World! Fun! programming. The Ford Theatres are dedicated to presenting a diverse roster of events including music and dance styles

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reflective of the communities that comprise Los Angeles County. In addition to its multidisciplinary summer season, the Ford Theatres presents interactive participatory arts events at its amphitheater in Hollywood and at public sites across the County.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Officer

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County Counsel